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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:      Huismann et al.  
Serial No.                    :      10/728629  
Filing Date                 :      December 5, 2003  
For                             :      Method and Apparatus For Feeding Wire to  
   a Welding Arc  
  
Group Art Unit               :      3742  
Attorney Docket No.       :      ITW 14417.70

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA      22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the issuance of the first Office Action please  
amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper and  
include both an attached replacement sheet and an original sheet  
which is being deleted.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement sheets 1-6 is attached  
following page 3 of this paper.